

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, April 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Francis O'Brien Meeting Room, Town Office Building, 26 Bryant Street, Dedham, Massachusetts. Present were:

James A. MacDonald  
Michael L. Butler  
Dennis J. Guilfoyle  
Dr. Dennis J. Teehan, Jr.  
Brendan G. Keogh

Mr. MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** -- Selectman MacDonald's son, James, and Selectman Keogh's daughter, Maeve, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OFFICIAL SWEARING-IN OF SELECTMAN JAMES A. MACDONALD AND  
SELECTMAN BRENDAN G. KEOGH**

**Present:** Town Clerk, Paul Munchbach

Mr. Munchbach -- Officially swore-in James A. MacDonald a Selectman for the Town of Dedham. Mr. Munchbach also swore-in Brendan G. Keogh a Selectman for the Town of Dedham. At the conclusion of the swearing-in, Mr. Munchbach informed all that both Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Keogh signed the Official Town Clerk Book.

Mr. MacDonald introduced Mr. Keogh to the audience and asked him if he would like to speak. Mr. Keogh introduced his wife and children. He went on to thank his family for living his campaign 24/7. Mr. Keogh also thanked his campaign staff, supporters and voters and was looking forward to working with the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager and Asst. Town Manager.

Mr. MacDonald introduced his wife, Paula, and sons, James and Stephen. He went on to thank them for their support and also for attending the Board's meeting this evening.

For the record, Mr. MacDonald made the following statement:

**Year in review -- Selectman James MacDonald, Chairman**

This past year, once again, has been a busy one for the Board of Selectmen. I would like to spend just a few minutes to highlight some of the issues we have dealt with, and in many cases continue to.

First, we welcomed two new members Dennis Guilfoyle and Dr. Dennis Teehan, Jr. Over the course of the last year they have been engaged and strong contributors to the work of this board. Little did we know that about seven months later one of our members, Carmen Dellolacono would step down to take a position within town government. Carmen's passion, knowledge and willingness to take positions that might be unpopular made him an effective member of our board. We miss his contributions but knew it was in the best interest of the Town to continue with four members and not incur the expense of a special election. Thank you to Mike Butler for stepping up to be vice-chairman,. Mike's involvement in so many important issues is extremely important to keep our board up to date.

After having Town Meeting reject the proposed municipal campus on Rustcraft Road, we did not sit back and wait to do something. Instead we worked to present to Town Meeting the option of purchasing the Ames Schoolhouse to move our town hall and create a senior center which would result in then moving the police station to town hall. At our May Town Meeting the article passed and we continue to work to achieve the goal of a municipal campus.

Bill Keegan, our Town Administrator for twelve years made a decision to take the job of Foxboro Town Manager. Over the course of Bill's tenure in Dedham, many things were accomplished. One was creating the best team in municipal government that was able to be innovative and creative to help Dedham continue its' move forward.

With Bill's leaving, we knew there was no need to go outside and find an Interim Town Manager. We had Nancy Baker, who had filled in before. It was not easy. Many, many unforeseen challenges were met head-on and together, we continued to move Dedham forward. This Board also stepped up and assisted Nancy.

The Board understood the important task ahead, selecting a new Town Manager. We hired a consultant that had expertise in finding town managers, selected a search committee and then let them do their work. Once three finalists were put forth to our Board, we knew the work that had to be done. Reading resumes, press clips and reports was going to be part of the process. But we knew a visit to their community was going to be key to our review. Talking to department heads, visiting their town offices and seeing what they had done was extremely helpful. The public interview process gave everyone a chance to see and listen to three great candidates. In the end, we were unanimous in our selection of Jim Kern. Clearly what we saw in Jim was real as evident by the job he has done so far.

We also welcomed a few new businesses to town. I will just name a few, MS Walker and Tesla Motors. MS Walker was a new challenge we had not faced before. They wanted to come to Dedham, but the capital investment they had to make, around \$50 million was unaffordable without a Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) plan. Preparing for Town Meeting and agreement with MS Walker resulted in a collaborative effort by so many in Town Hall. In the end, Town Meeting understood what we wanted to do and agreed with us by approving the article. It was great news to learn recently that MS Walker passed papers on the property.

For the second year in a row, we limited growth in our tax rate to minimize any increase in property tax. We know that many, seniors and families, continue to struggle in today's economy. This Board understands we still need to do better. Setting up a fund for tax relief for those on fixed income who struggle to stay in their homes must continue to be a goal for us as a community.

This past year, we have welcomed new firefighters and police officers to our community. Current members of both forces have also been before us for promotions. The promotion ceremony of Fire Chief William Spillane was a terrific achievement for a man who has dedicated himself to the fire service. For us to be a part of these ceremonies is also a highlight of any meeting.

We are also faced with the Algonquin Pipeline Project. This project is as intrusive to our community as any that has come forth. The process used to approve the pipeline in our opinion is flawed. As an intervener, we have formally put our agreements forward. At the same time, we have also worked to insure we are protected in the event the pipeline moves forward.

Dedham is lucky to have so many of our residents who give so much of themselves to help others or have a special story to tell about something they accomplished. Over this past year, we had many people in to have them share their story. This is something we will continue to do.

Sadness also overtook Town Hall this past year. We lost two of our "Town Hall Family" members after their courageous battles -- Mariellen Murphy and Karen O'Connell. Over the course of their illnesses, they continued to work and have an impact. Their strength and positive outlook on life will be part of the everlasting memory we have of Mariellen and Karen. We also lost two former members of the Board of Selectmen, Frank Geischecker and Bob Chaffee. Two men that gave so much to our community while in office and when they left. Bob and Frank were true gentlemen in every sense of the word.

As a Board, we cannot function alone. We are so lucky to have an office that is second to none in any town government. Jim, Nancy, Marie, Doreen and Marie, thank you for what you do for our town every day. Also, thank you to our DPW who were faced with the toughest winter in history. Dedham has many, many dedicated workers on the town and school side. Day in and day out, they come to work and do a great job.

Congratulations to our newest member, Brendan Keogh. I look forward to working with you.

Finally, thank you to my wife Paula and sons, James and Stephen for allowing me to continue to what I love to do.

And to the voters and residents of our town, thank you for re-electing me to another term. I never forget who I work for or the trust you have placed in me. Thank you.

### **VOTE: Re-Organization of the Board of Selectmen**

Mr. Guilfoyle nominated Michael Butler, Chairman; seconded by Dr. Teehan. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; Mr. Butler, yes; and Mr. MacDonald, yes.

Dr. Teehan nominated Dennis Guilfoyle, Vice-Chairman; seconded by Mr. MacDonald. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; and Mr. Butler, yes.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Butler thanked Mr. MacDonald for his leadership over the past year. He went on to say that the Board appreciated his steady hand and vast experience—it showed itself during the past year with the level of confidence the residents and staff had in the Board.

Moving forward, Mr. Butler commented on setting some objectives –he would like to work on a few things this year and asked the Board to start thinking about objectives that the Board can discuss at the Selectmen’s Meeting to be held on May 28, 2015. Additionally, he asked the Board to set some priorities that they can scope out and work on over the summer.

Mr. Butler informed all that this year, he would like to start, again, the Town Hall Meeting visits to the neighborhoods with the Board of Selectmen and the Town Department Heads—he asked Nancy Baker, Asst. Town Manager, to fit it into the Fall Calendar.

### **DEDHAM CITIZENS -- OPEN DISCUSSION**

Mr. Butler asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak with the Board of Selectmen. Hearing no response, he went on to the next item on the Board’s agenda.

### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION CANDIDATES – STATEMENTS**

Prior to the discussion, Mr. Butler commented that the Board will take no votes this evening – appointment votes will be postponed until the Board’s next meeting.

**David Gorden** – Mr. Gorden began his discussion informing all, on another matter, that the Dedham Citizens Connection is being reinvigorated and to keep it in mind going forward.

Mr. Gorden informed all that he has been a member of the Dedham Conservation Commission for twelve years. He went on to explain his education, work experiences, credentials and highlighted some of his achievements. Dr. Teehan thanked him for his twelve years of service to the Town of Dedham. Dr. Teehan asked Mr. Gorden what his vision was, going forward, on the Conservation Commission. Mr. Gorden informed all that the DEP is going through some strange

changes that are causing concern and confusion in communities—he would like to assist working through these changes. Following the rules, Mr. Gorden spoke about working on updating Town By-laws and regulations to make it easier for the residents and businesses going forward.

**Joseph Matthew Hickey --** Mr. Hickey informed the Board that his wife and him own a home in Dedham. Additionally, he is employed with TJX Companies as a Strategic Resource Planner—his work is detailed and he follows a process that is why he would like offer his services on this committee. Mr. Hickey went on to speak about Dedham’s naturally beautiful features that he would like to make sure is cared for going forward. Mr. Hickey appreciated the opportunity to speak with the Board of Selectmen and was looking forward, if chosen, to work with the Conservation Commission.

Dr. Teehan spoke about the State Laws and also the local Conservation By-laws in Dedham that allow for interpretation. Dr. Teehan asked Mr. Hickey how he would interpret the laws so that Dedham has a strong Conservation Commission; however, not put citizens through a rough experience. Mr. Hickey commented that he will be looking for support and guidance from the committee; however, he will look at both sides of a situation to come to a resolution with a streamline and straight forward process.

**DISCUSSION & VOTE – REQUEST FOR A COMMON VICTUALLER’S LICENSE –**  
**MCGOLF CENTER, LLC, d/b/a MCGOLF CAFÉ AND CREAMERY, 150 BRIDGE**  
**STREET**

**Present for the discussion were:** Robert Fortin, Owner, and Anna Cooke, General Manager of the Café

Mr. Fortin informed the Board that along with some partners, he recently purchased McGolf, 150 Bridge Street. Anna Cooke, General Manager, commented that she has been the General Manager at the café for the past twelve years.

Mr. Fortin informed the Board that he has four weeks of experience operating McGolf—he is learning about the processes, working at bookkeeping and other duties.

Mr. MacDonald welcomed Mr. Fortin to Dedham. He had no other questions relative the Common Victualler's License; however, he wanted to hear about his plans for the property since his home, and also Mr. Keogh's home, is down the street from the establishment. Mr. MacDonald also made him aware of the stories he has heard relative to the golf balls going into the Doggett Circle Parking Lot. Mr. Fortin informed him that there are no major changes planned. Additionally, there is nowhere to expand and parking constraints. He went on to say that there have been no decisions for plan changes until he gets more familiar as an owner. Mr. MacDonald wished him the best of luck for a successful season.

Mr. Guilfoyle welcomed and congratulated Mr. Fortin—he wished him good luck with the establishment. Mr. Guilfoyle asked if they could speak about the café. Ms. Cooke informed him that there are a lot of food offerings at the café, i.e., sandwiches, fries, ice cream, etc. Additionally, there is a beautiful patio area for patrons. She went on to say that they do Birthday Parties and it is just a fun and great place to be—all good stuff. Mr. Guilfoyle commented that McGolf is very successful. In fact, last week, he had to wait a while for a lane.

Mr. MacDonald made a motion to approve a Common Victualler's License to McGolf Center, LLC, d/b/a McGolf Café and Creamery, 150 Bridge Street; seconded by Mr. Guilfoyle. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; and Mr. Butler, yes.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Butler wished Mr. Fortin good luck.

**DISCUSSION & VOTE – REQUEST TO CONDUCT THE 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL RIDE FOR FOOD  
ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2015**

Present for the discussion was: Leslie Greismer, Board Member, Three Squares New England

Ms. Greismer informed the Board she was here this evening to request permission to conduct the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Ride for Food. She went on to say that the main recipients of the proceeds from the fundraiser are the Dedham Food Pantry and other Food Pantries in area. Ms. Greismer informed all that last year, the organization raised \$235,000.00, for the food pantries with a considerable portion of that amount going to Dedham.

Ms. Greismer explained the route and informed all that the ride will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2015, beginning at 8:00 a.m. starting from the Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, staggered fashion. She went on to say that there will be 250 riders and didn't think there would be an impact. Ms. Greismer informed all that the ride will only take place in the towns of Dedham and Needham. Additionally, the riders will be returning to the Noble and Greenough School at noon for a luncheon which will be sponsored by Whole Foods Market.

Mr. Guilfoyle made a motion to grant permission to Three Squares New England to conduct the Ride for Food on Sunday, September 20, 2015, starting at Noble and Greenough School at 8:00 a.m.; seconded by Dr. Teehan. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; and Mr. Butler, yes.

#### **DEPARTMENT UPDATE WITH YOUTH COMMISSION DIRECTOR ROBERT BLANEY**

Present for the discussion was: Robert Blaney, Youth Director

Before the discussion began, Mr. MacDonald, on behalf of the Board, congratulated Rob on the recent birth of his daughter, Isabella (Bella). Mr. Blaney thanked the Board.



Mr. Blaney began the update speaking about the College Bound Program, which is coordinated and offered to Middle School students through his department. Mr. Blaney informed all that this is the fourth summer this program has been offered to 7<sup>th</sup> grade students entering the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. He went on to say that the goal of the program is to excite the students about college, expose them to various careers and encourage them to lead healthy lives and become leaders. Additionally, the program is held at Regis College, Weston, for three weeks, with approximately 40/50 students participate in the free program. Mr. Blaney informed all that some of the children involved in the program are volunteering and working on repairs at a playground in Dedham. He went on to highlight and explain the other fun activities the children take part in over the course of the program. Mr. Blaney also explained the Rise Program, a three-week summer program designed to prepare rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders academically and socially for high school, college and careers.

Mr. Blaney also gave updates relative to the Fitness Camp, High School annual Career Day, Recycling and other fundraisers, Dedhamfest, Northstar Run, Jobs for Teens and student visits to the University of New Hampshire and upcoming University of Rhode Island. Mr. Blaney also commented on a recent professional development class his staff attended relative to teenagers which was very beneficial to all.

Dr. Teehan commented that Rob and his staff do an amazing job—he has the energy, passion and quest to serve the kids in the Town of Dedham. Dr. Teehan also spoke about the many creative ways Rob and staff serve the community and the fact that Rob is an inspiration to anyone who serves. Dr. Teehan thanked him for what he does for the Town of Dedham.

Mr. Guilfoyle commented that Rob is doing a fabulous job and has done miracles. He went on to speak about the work the children will be doing—volunteering with repairs and cleanup at the playground on Veterans Road. Mr. Guilfoyle reminisced about the work he personally did at this same playground twenty years ago.

Mr. Keogh commented on the recent Dedhamfest event held at Paradise Café in Dedham Square. He informed all that he had a very good time and there was much energy from the kids and parents.

Mr. MacDonald thanked Mr. Blaney for his fast-paced overview of his department. He went on to speak about Mr. Blaney's fundraising efforts to support his programs. Mr. MacDonald informed all that many kids are at risk and would be lost if Rob and his staff were not there. Additionally, the community is very lucky to have Rob and his staff—they are remarkable.

Mr. Blaney informed all that Dedham is a great town to work in. Additionally, he has a great team that is passionate, shares ideas and is a part of him.

Mr. Kern, Town Manager, commented that the Town was lucky to have someone like Rob with the skills and capabilities to match. Mr. Kern informed all that he was looking forward to attending some of the College Bound Program activities held at Regis College and hopefully attending when the children visit the University of Rhode Island.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. MacDonald thanked Mr. Blaney for attending the meeting this evening to give the Board an update with respect to his department. Mr. Blaney thanked the Board of Selectmen.

#### **DISCUSSION & VOTE – APPOINTMENTS TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

The Board of Selectmen just heard statements from the Conservation Commission Candidates this evening. The Board did not vote relative to the appointments and postponed action until the Selectmen's next meeting.

#### **Town Manager's Report**

James Kern, Town Manager, gave the Board of Selectmen the some brief updates. They are as follows:

Mr. Kern updated the Board relative to the IT Study and informed all that he has received the final draft version—final version should be within a week.

Mr. Kern informed the Board that his team has begun negotiations with seven units and it is going well. To date, the team has spoken with three units and it will be up to eight by next week. Mr. Kern informed them that he believes that they will be doing something in relatively short order.

Mr. Kern informed all that Chief D'Entremont, Superintendent Welch, Mike Butler and him attended the Norfolk County Coalition Leaders Meeting in Canton yesterday. He went on to highlight the items that were discussed at the meeting.

Mr. Kern informed all that the MAPC Team conducted a workshop/presentation relative to the Transit Oriented Design (TOD) Study they are doing for the area around Legacy Place and Allied Drive. He went on to say that it was a very good presentation; however, it was not as well attended as the MAPC Team would have liked.

Mr. Kern congratulated and welcomed the newest member of the Board of Selectmen, Brendan Keogh.

#### **Action by the Board**

#### **Approval of Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes:**

**January 8, 2015**— Mr. MacDonald made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting held on January 8, 2015; seconded by Dr. Teehan.

**On the Vote:** Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; and Mr. Butler, yes. (Mr. Keogh abstained from the vote.)

**April 6, 2015**—Mr. MacDonald made a motion to approve the amended Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting held on April 6, 2015; seconded by Dr.

Teehan. **On the Vote:** Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; and Mr. MacDonald, yes. (Mr. Keogh abstained from the vote.)

**Request for permission from Deborah Salaun to hold the Upland Road Neighborhood Block Party on Saturday, June 20, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.** – Dr. Teehan made a motion to approve the Upland Road Neighborhood Block Party to be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Guilfoyle and voted unanimously.

**Request Constable Re-Appointment (3-yr term to expire April, 2018, for Edward Reavey)** – Mr. Keogh made a motion to re-appoint Edward Reavey a Constable in the Town of Dedham, (3-year appointment to expire, April, 2018); seconded by Mr. MacDonald and voted unanimously.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**Vote: Town of Dedham and Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, License Agreement**—Dr. Teehan made a motion that the Board enter into a License Agreement with Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, in substantially the form presented, to allow Algonquin to construct and maintain an interstate gas pipeline as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission within the public ways Rustcraft Road, Elm Street, High Street, East Street and Washington Street, and to authorize Town Counsel to make such non-substantive changes to the form of the Agreement as are necessary prior to execution; seconded by Mr. Guilfoyle. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; and Mr. Butler, yes.

At the conclusion of the vote, Dr. Teehan commented that this lease agreement does not construe support of the project—the entire Board objects to the project. This agreement protects and puts the Town on a parallel track in case the project goes forward. Dr. Teehan also commented on the fact that the project requires a Street Opening Permit from the Dedham DPW.

Dr. Teehan discussed the process relative to the Conservation Commission appointments and the fact that commissioners are here for all the citizens of Dedham and to utilize their services. He went on to explain a recent experience he had with the Conservation Commission and the fact that it was a serious learning opportunity for him to see how its members, appointed by the Board,

operates—he felt that every Town board should be reasonable and legitimate. Dr. Teehan informed all that his obligation was to the citizens and taxpayers and he takes this process very seriously--his concern was that people were not getting a fair shake relative to the process. Additionally, he was concerned that if people felt it is was not fair, they will not follow the procedures. Dr. Teehan was hoping to work with the Conservation Commission in a collaborative way. Additionally, he has spoken with Fred Civian, Conservation Commission Member, to discuss the vision of the Board. Dr. Teehan added that he continues to support a strong Conservation Commission and is putting a great deal of effort in the procedure.

Mr. Guilfoyle commented on the wonderful time he had at a recent Mother Brook Community Association Meeting. Mr. Butler added that the Association is in its' seventh year and there has been a lot of progress and plans for the future—he was glad to see the neighborhood group doing well.

Mr. Guilfoyle informed all that Saturday, April 26, 2015, is Dedham Civic Pride Clean-up Day in Dedham—a very positive thing. Also, Sunday, April 26, 2015, is the James Joyce Ramble—a wonderful event that will take place at the Endicott Estate.

Mr. Keogh made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Guilfoyle. **On the Vote:** Mr. Keogh, yes; Dr. Teehan, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; Mr. Guilfoyle, yes; and Mr. Butler, yes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting held on April 16, 2015, which Minutes were approved on May 28, 2015.

---

Michael L. Butler, Chairman